

What is claimed is:

1. An interactive system for permitting a user with a computer and display screen to design and generate, through a global computer information network connection with a server, a web page composite image including shapes, graphical images, and text, said system comprising:

means for permitting the user to create an outline of an image of a predetermined two-dimensional shape and size on the display screen,

files for producing a plurality of graphical images and shapes stored at a server software storage remote from the user,

means for permitting the user through a browser to selectively download said files for producing graphical images and shapes and to incorporate selected graphical images into said outline on the display screen,

means for permitting the user to upload graphical images stored in the user's computer into said outline,

means for permitting the user to add lines of text into said outline,

and means for permitting the user to utilize a position indicating device with said user's computer to vary the sizes and relative positions of the text, shapes and graphical images within the outline on the computer screen

whereby a complete composite image within the outline can be created by the user and modified by the user with the entire image being continuously seen on the user's display screen during its creation..

2. A system according to claim 1 including means for storing said text and shapes as modified by said user and said uploaded and selected graphical images in XML code at said server storage..

3. A system according to claim 1 including means at said server storage for providing a high resolution output of said complete composite image created by said user.

4. A system according to claim 1 wherein said graphical images downloadable from said server are in the form of a plurality of different categories of similar types of images with a number of different selections being provided in each category, and means for permitting the user to select desired images from one or more categories.

5. A system according to claim 4 wherein one of said categories includes various types of frames and borders for said composite image.

6. A system according to claim 1 including means at said server for downloading a low resolution image of said graphical image stored at the server while retaining a high resolution image at the server for a subsequent high quality printing of the complete composite image by the server.

7. A system according to claim 1 wherein said uploaded graphical images include digital photographic images.

8. An interactive system for permitting a user with a computer and display screen to design and generate, through a global communication network connection with a server, a web page composite image suitable for high quality printing, said image including shapes, graphical images, and text, said system comprising:

means for permitting the user to create an outline of an image of a predetermined two-dimensional shape and size on the display screen,

files for producing a plurality of high resolution graphical images and shapes stored at a server software storage area remote from the user,

means for permitting the user to through a browser to selectively download said files for producing graphical images in low resolution and to incorporate selected graphical images into said outline on the display screen,

means for permitting the user to upload graphical images stored in the user's computer into said outline,

means for permitting said user to add lines of text into said outline,

means for permitting the user to vary the sizes and relative positions of the text and images within the outline on the computer screen to create a complete composite image within the outline to the user's specifications,

and means at said server for providing a high resolution image of said complete composite image suitable for high quality printing.

9. A system according to claim 8 wherein said high resolution image is about 300 dpi or better.

10. A system according to claim 9 wherein said low resolution image is less than about 100 dpi.

11. A system according to claim 8 wherein said uploaded graphical images include digital photographic images.

12. A system according to claim 8 wherein said text and shapes as modified by the user and said uploaded and selected graphical images are stored in XML code at said server storage.

13. A method for creating on a computer display screen a composite image from diverse sources comprising:

creating an outline of a predetermined two-dimensional shape and size on the display screen,

downloading one or more graphical images and shapes from a server source of such graphical images and shapes by means of a browser and incorporating the selected graphical images and shapes into said outline on the display screen,

adding text into said outline and repositioning the text as desired,

uploading a graphical image into the outline on the display screen,

resizing and repositioning the uploaded and downloaded graphical images and shapes in real time on the display screen as desired,

and sending the composite image including uploaded and downloaded images, shapes and text to the server through the browser so that said server can produce a high resolution output of said composite image for high quality printing on an end product.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein the steps of resizing and repositioning said text, shapes and graphical images is accomplished with a position indicating device.

15. A method according to claim 13 wherein the uploaded graphical image is a digital photographic image.

16. A method for permitting a user with a computer and display screen to create on-line through his browser and a global communication network a composite image from diverse sources, said composite image being suitable for high quality printing output, said method comprising:

providing a collection of high resolution graphical images and shapes and permitting said user to download through his browser copies of said high resolution graphical images and shapes,

providing a downloadable program through a browser to said user to permit the user to create said composite image in a predetermined size and shape canvas on the user's display screen, said program including means to permit the user to add text and user uploaded images to the canvas and to resize and reposition all of said text, shapes and graphical images within the canvas on the display screen in real time,

and saving the completed composite image from the user in its component parts of text, graphical images and shapes so that the composite image can be recreated as a high resolution image suitable for high quality printing.

17. A method according to claim 16 wherein said saving step is accomplished by using an XML code for the component parts of the composite image.

18. A method according to claim 16 wherein said program permits the user to use a position indicating device to resize and reposition the text, shapes and graphical images on the canvas.

19. A method according to claim 16 wherein said copies of the graphical images downloaded to the user are at a low resolution.

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